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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
Hiroshi Takano, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/540,470)
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For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING)
CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DEVICES)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

In connection with the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004, regarding the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks below.